

BATH GARDENING CLUB & HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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JUNE 28TH, 2021

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Via Zoom

I. OPENING REMARKS – President Janice Firth

1. Welcome - Thank you to members and guests for joining us. 17 members were in attendance today.
2. Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda. Motion: to approve the meeting agenda Moved: Roxanna Beddington Second: Sylvia Whalen Motion carried.
3. Garden Quote – “Advice from a tree: stand tall & proud, go out on a limb, remember your roots, drink plenty of water, be content with your natural beauty, enjoy the view.”

II. BUSINESS

4. Approval of the Minutes – May 17, 2021 A motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 17, 2021 was put forward. Moved: Sue Nilsson Second: Roxanna Beddington Motion carried.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Laurie Minorgan The current bank balance is \$13,916.20. Since last month, a very generous grant on the amount of \$4,000.00 was received from LaFarge in support of the Bugtel and memorial garden. In addition, the following additional revenue was received: \$155.00 from additional fertilizer sales, \$17.80 from the Undies Challenge, and \$60.00 from an unnamed source. Expenses were as follows: \$600.00 for soil, mulch, plants, and a new rain barrel for the Bugtel \$1376.00 for flowers for the barrels and planters \$23.72 for the Undies Challenge \$70.80 – Other expenses A motion was put forward to accept the treasurer’s report. Moved: Heather Morrow Second: Pat Chown

Motion carried. Laurie suggested that the club look in the fall at putting a portion of the revenue on hand into investments to accrue some investment revenue.	
6. Bugtel Update– Janice Firth Janice reported that she and Pat Haslett recently purchased the plants for the Bugtel garden. These, along with the plant donations from members, have all been planted. Coconut fibre was used for mulching as it has excellent moisture retention properties. A new rain barrel was purchased and set up as the old barrel was leaking. The old barrel was sold for \$45.00. A quick orientation will be conducted for members who have volunteered to assist with the Bugtel garden watering.	
7. Undies Challenge – Janice Firth/Pat Chown Janice reported that several pair of “undies” have been planted around town at the Bugtel, bridge and Schell’s. The “dig up” date is August 1st. Participants are reminded to take a picture of what is left of the planted undies. Note: a challenge was issued to District 13 in the latest Trillium edition. Let’s see who has better soil!	
8. Volunteer Positions – Janice Firth Many thanks to Mary Drinkwater and Judy Hume for stepping as 21/22 program coordinators. The Club is still looking for volunteers to fill a vacant director’s position on the Club board, and the positions of recording secretary, as well as attendance secretary. Any interested members should contact Janice Firth.	
9. BGC Program 2021/22 – Mary Drinkwater and Judy Hume Mary and Judy thanked Janice, Pat Chown, and Jane Ledingham for providing an orientation to program coordination. They also thanked those members who responded to the survey recently sent out for their ideas, input, and willingness to volunteer with activities. Holly Adam was the winner of the garden gloves for responding to the survey. Based on the survey responses, it appears as if members are interested in a summer outing, November and spring workshops, and a Xmas luncheon. When arrangements are made for the summer outing, members will be notified. Any outings, future meetings, or workshops will be done in accordance with all Covid health and safety guidelines and restrictions. The goal for the coming year is to offer a program that is interesting, informative, interactive, and energizing. Any members who are willing to assist with the any program activities for this coming year can contact Mary or Judy.	
10. Other Business Bath Sunday Market – Janice reported that a vendor from the Sunday market is interested in starting a market this year. Any market that opens this year will not be sponsored by the BGC. The township will be starting to charge for use of the park. The role of the BGC with the Bath Sunday Market will be revisited next year. Volunteer Hours – Members were reminded that they should keep track of all of their volunteer hours. The executive will be approaching members in the fall for their volunteer hour numbers. The hour totals must be submitted to OMAFRA at the end of the year in order to receive grant money.	

III. PROGRAM

TOPIC – Local Gardening Issues – Discussion led by our own Pat Haslett	Pat led a lively discussion of gardening issues, including problems with caterpillars, Japanese beetles, and various other garden pests. Native
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	plants that attract pollinators and “good” bugs, various plant apps, and some excellent plant publications were also some of the other topics of interest covered. Thanks Pat!!
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